

Renton NOW

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nominations Sought for Outstanding Citizens

Help identify individuals from the Renton community who improve the quality of life in Renton through acts of goodwill or public service. Download an application from rentonwa.gov or call the Renton Chamber of Commerce at 425-226-4560. The nomination deadline is August 31, 2007.

Renton Home To Washington Super Lawyers

Renton's City Attorney Larry Warren and attorney Mark Barber from Warren, Barber & Fontes, P.S., were among a distinguished group of Washington lawyers highlighted in the June 2007 issue of *Washington Law & Politics* magazine. Only those lawyers in the top one percent of the state make the list.

Rentonwa.gov unveils new Webcam at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park

The City of Renton has installed a Webcam at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. See live views of Renton while you're at home. Check out live Webcams at rentonwa.gov.

New, Improved Park Recreation Buildings

A new recreation building will open at Tiffany Park in July. The building has a large community/general purpose room with fully accessible public restrooms and has plenty of storage space for recreation program materials and supplies. Due to the use of many green materials and techniques, it will be a low-maintenance, energy-efficient building.

Teasdale and Kiwanis Parks were revised to improve ADA accessibility to the recreation buildings and restrooms. Significant storage space was added, and the buildings received new floors and finishes.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

For updates and additional details about any of the following projects, including timeline, scope of the project, and detour routes (if applicable), visit rentonwa.gov.

South Renton:

SW 34th St. To improve drainage and to reduce flooding, road is closed between Lind Ave. SW and Oakesdale Ave SW through Sept. 30.

S. Renton Village Pl. Between Triton Towers One, Thriftway, and Renton Cinema, road will close to through-traffic July 9 - Nov. 16 during the day to improve drainage.

I-405: In July, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will begin construction of an additional lane in each direction between I-5 and SR 167.

SR 167: In July, WSDOT will add a southbound lane between I-405 and SW 41st St. Between I-405 and

Auburn, WSDOT will convert HOV lanes to HOT (high-occupancy toll) lanes.

SR 169: In late summer, the city will widen Maple Valley Hwy. from I-405 to the old Stoneway property, improving access from northbound I-405 to eastbound SR 169, as well as access from SR 169 onto northbound I-405.

SR 900: WSDOT will be repaving Sunset Blvd. between Lake Washington Blvd. and Harrington Rd. during the last half of 2007.

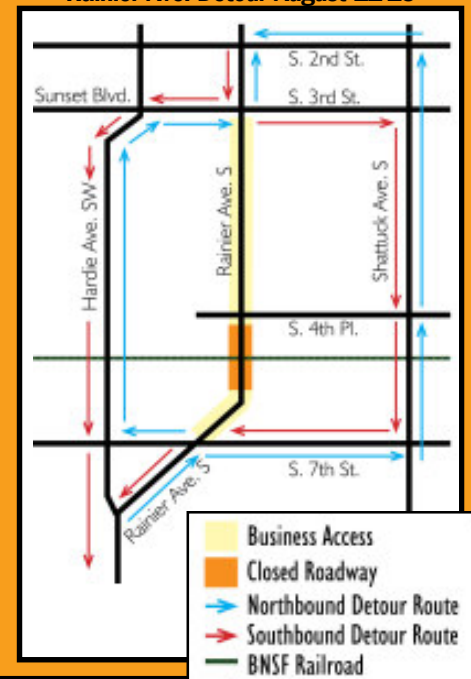
I-5: WSDOT will close several lanes of northbound I-5 between I-90 and Spokane St./West Seattle Bridge from Aug. 10 - 29. Southbound lanes and ramps will be closed at night July 23 - Aug. 3. WSDOT will replace failing bridge expansion joints and repave the road.

Railroad Bridge Work Causes Downtown Detours

BNSF Railways (formerly Burlington Northern) will be replacing three railroad bridges across Hardie, Rainier, and Shattuck Avenues, causing road detours. These projects will take place from August to December. WSDOT will also be replacing the BNSF railroad bridge over the Cedar River during this time, but a detour is not currently scheduled.

Local access to businesses along Rainier will be provided.

Rainier Ave. Detour August 11-15



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SMALL BUSINESSES: HELP IS ON THE WAY

A partnership among the city, Renton Technical College, the Renton Chamber of Commerce, and the business community has developed a Renton-based Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to strengthen Renton's economic vitality by providing one-on-one confidential assistance to individuals, small businesses, and other entrepreneurs at no charge. Programs will provide practical, real-life solutions and will be taught by experienced business people. The Renton SBDC will open August 1.

WEST NILE VIRUS: FIGHT THE BITE

With mosquito season just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about West Nile virus. West Nile virus is spread to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. The best protection from West Nile virus is to prevent mosquito bites. For information about the West Nile virus and how you can protect yourself, visit rentonwa.gov or King County's website at KingCounty.gov/health.

ANNEXATION & THE BENSON HILL COMMUNITIES

This November, voters in the Benson Hill communities southeast of Renton have asked to vote on whether to annex to the city, or to remain part of unincorporated King County. 16,000 people live in these neighborhoods (Cascade, Benson Hill, Spring Glen, and Spring Brook). The Mayor and City Council believe annexation is a partnership between current residents, potential new residents, and the city. If voters in the area approve, Benson Hill would become part of Renton and the city would grow to over 75,000 residents.

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Every Tuesday through September 18. **Farmers Market.** 3pm-7pm. Piazza Park, downtown Renton. RentonFarmersMarket.com.
Wednesday, July 18. 7 - 8:30 p.m. **Kidd Valley Coulon Family Concert.**
Thursday, July 19. 12 - 1 p.m. **Picnic Pizzazz Kids Entertainment Series.** Kiwanis Park, 815 Union Ave NE. Free.
Saturday, July 21. 7 - 10 p.m. **Outdoor Cinema.** *Goonies*. Movie starts at dusk. Liberty Park, downtown Renton.
Wednesday, July 25. 10 a.m - 6 p.m. **Renton River Days Kids Day.** Liberty Park, downtown Renton.
Thursday, July 26. 10 a.m - 1 p.m. **Renton River Days Senior Day.** Tickets required. Renton Senior Activity Center. **Picnic Pizzazz Kids Entertainment Series.** 12 - 1 p.m. Kiwanis Park, 815 Union Ave NE. Free.
Friday, July 27-Sunday, July 29. 8 a.m - 10 p.m. **IKEA Renton River Days Festival Weekend.** Liberty Park, downtown Renton.
Saturday, July 28. 10 a.m - 12 p.m. **IKEA Renton River Days Parade.** Downtown Renton.



Climbing boulder at the new Heritage Park in the Highlands, dedicated on June 16.

READY IN RENTON

Is your household ready for a disaster? Register online before August 8 at rentonwa.gov to estimate your level of emergency preparedness. Between August 8 and 10, test your preparedness in one or more areas: power, provisions, and shelter. Turn off your power, use only supplies from your disaster kit, or camp out. Can you do it? Call 425-430-7027 for more information.



CITY CONTACTS

Area Code 425

General Information	430-6400
Mayor	430-6500
City Council	430-6501
Municipal Court Judge	430-6550
Chief Administrative Officer	430-6500
City Clerk	430-6510
Code Enforcement	430-7373
Community Services	430-6600
Economic Development, Neighborhoods, & Strategic Planning	430-6575
Emergencies	911
Finance & Information Services	430-6850
Fire/Emergency Services.	430-7000
Human Resources & Risk Management	430-7650
Planning/Building/Public Works	430-7200
Police	430-7500
or epolice.rentonwa.gov	
Utility Billing	430-6852

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